

HOUSE RESOLUTION 284

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A RESOLUTION proclaiming a Century of Believing and a Future of Achieving in celebration of the 100th anniversary of 4-H in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult changes, 4-H is one of our finest assets, providing young men and women with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, calendar year 2010 marks a century of 4-H in Tennessee, predating the passage of the 1914 Smith-Lever Act through which Congress established 4-H nationally at USDA; and

WHEREAS, 4-H was born out of a need to introduce new technology to adults through youth, who would "experiment" with these new ideas and then share their experiences and successes with adults; and

WHEREAS, with the help of volunteers, young people in 4-H develop self-esteem, leadership and citizenship skills, as well as gain knowledge in a wide range of subjects, supplementing traditional learning with directed projects that encourage advanced education; and

WHEREAS, being THE youth program of the University of Tennessee, 4-H is a proven, unmatched leader in youth development, unique in its scope and unmatched in its connection to research-based knowledge; and

WHEREAS, a community of more than 6 million youth and adults working for positive change, 4-H is a program much deserving of praise for its endeavors to better the lives of our youth, the future of the great State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor  
the 100th anniversary of 4-H in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared  
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.